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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Kanji HATA et al. :
Serial No. [NEW] : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH
Filed January 21, 1998 : Docket No.: 177/527415

COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS
AND METHOD, AND COMPONENT MOUNTING
EQUIPMENT

(Continuation of 08/740,992
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Line 13, insert --, two component supply tables 10 and
11-- after "7".

Line 14, delete "two component supply tables 10 and 11".

Line 19, insert --a-- after "generally".

Line 20, delete "the" before "parts".

Line 22, change "as" to --and--.

Page 3:

Line 22, change "incessantly" to --continuously--.